

REMARKS

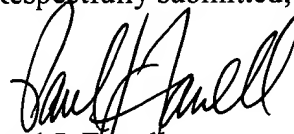
Claims 1-6 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 have been amended to recite that a reception party uses the byte number for calculating data length information.

Independent Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 3 and 4, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 3 and 4 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-6, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants, attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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